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## U. S. TROOPERS CROSS BORDER AFTER BANDITS

Capt. Eltinge Leads Troop of Cavalry in Pursuit of Raiders.

### FIGHT EXPECTED HOURLY

Outcome of Latest Punitive Expedition Watched With Keen Interest.

### MAY PRECIPITATE HOSTILITIES

Fear Carranza Troops May Make Good Threat and Launch General Attack on Pershing.

(By the Sun News Service.)

El Paso, Tex., July 2.—Another "hot trail" was followed into Mexico by American forces today, when Capt. Leroy Eltinge, commanding Troop K, Eighth Cavalry, crossed south of Fort Hancock today, fifty miles east of El Paso, after the Mexican raiders who on Friday night committed depredations on the American side of the line.

Capt. Eltinge was stationed at Fabens, midway between El Paso and Fort Hancock today, and immediately plunged across the river with his command, followed, it is said, by other troops of the same regiment, sent from Fort Bliss last evening.

#### Attack U. S. Troopers.

The raiders, in addition to driving off ranch horses Friday night and generally frightening the civilian population of the region, attacked the abandoned Fort Hancock and the detachment of United States troops at that point. The troops being small in number were unable to follow immediately, and by the time they could reach the Rio Grande the bandits had escaped. The lieutenant commanding did not consider his force sufficiently large to risk battle with the bandits, and a possible command of Carranzistas reported in the immediate vicinity, hence he halted his force at the international boundary.

Captain Eltinge and his force were ordered to the scene with instructions from Gen. George Bell, commanding the American patrol district, to "go in" if he thought he could punish the bandits and recover the horses stolen in Texas.

#### Fighting Expected.

The captain crossed with his command immediately on reaching the scene of the raid. Fighting with the Mexicans is expected at brigade headquarters, as the bandits, former Villistas, are said to number more than fifty "bad men," and it is not considered unlikely that the Carranza troops known to be in the vicinity will also attack.

The outcome of this latest punitive expedition into Mexico was watched today with unusual interest because the international situation remains so delicate that almost anything might disturb the balance of power and precipitate a general engagement between the Pershing forces in Mexico and the Carranza forces camping close upon his flanks and to the south of him.

This caused the crossing of the American force to be watched with unusual interest by officers of the regular army, and of the arriving militia as the possible beginning of hostilities that all expect momentarily, and that the army would welcome.

## Austrians Give Way Before Russ

Gen. Letchitsky Captures More Positions to South of Kolomeo.

(By the International News Service.)

London, July 2.—Gen. Letchitsky's army continues to follow up its success at Kolomeo by pushing on to the west. Tonight's official statement from Petrograd reports the capture of Austrian positions by storm beyond Kolomeo, while Vienna, in referring to these actions, says briefly that "violent fighting occurred west of Kolomeo and south of the Dniester River."

The fierce and stubborn battle between Russian troops and Germans in the region bounded by the Stry and Stokhod rivers has thus far failed to yield definite results. Both sides claim the repulse of counter-attacks.

In the fighting of the past twenty-four hours west of Kolomeo the Russians have taken 2,000 prisoners.

#### Calls War 5-to-1 Hazard.

Chicago, July 2.—War with Mexico is a 5-to-1 hazard in the opinion of C. M. Weideman, a Mexican refugee, who is in Chicago. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter.



THE SPIRITS STILL LEAD THE RISING WAVE!

## MEXICAN NOTE NOT IN SIGHT

Arredondo Denies Its Receipt. Probable Action of Wilson Is Mystery.

### MILITIAMEN ON BORDER SOON TO NUMBER 25,000

The administration is still waiting word from Carranza as to whether Trevino's orders are to stand. Despite the fact that a week ago the American Government called upon the Carranza government for an "immediate" statement of its position, no response has come. The State Department yesterday was without a word from Mexico City, and the Mexican embassy denied flatly that Ambassador-designate Arredondo had the reply and was waiting to present it to Secretary Lansing today.

Suggestions that the President was considering the advisability of imposing a time limit within which a reply must come, find no substantiation in official circles, where doubt as to what President Wilson is going to do about it appears to be strong as anywhere else. Believing that it is inevitable that other raids across the border will occur, requiring drastic action by Funston, army officers at the War Department are anxious to know what the President's course is to be.

Reports to the Department yesterday showed that within the past twenty-four hours militia units of Maryland, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas and Pennsylvania have entrained for the border, and it was estimated that before the end of the week at least 25,000 guardsmen would be on duty along the international boundary.

#### SAYS WOMEN WILL FIGHT.

Mexican Labor Leaders Declare People Will Unite Against U. S.

Declaring that, if driven into war with the United States, the people of Mexico, men, women and children, would fight in the ranks, using sticks and stones when their ammunition was exhausted, six representatives of the organized labor unions of Mexico assembled here yesterday to confer with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the interest of peace. Their purpose is to get organized labor in both countries to bridge the gap of misunderstanding between the people of both countries, and in that way avert hostilities.

## HUGHES PLANS LENGTHY TOUR

Tentative Program Calls for Start in August—Will Reach Pacific Coast.

### WILL MAKE SPEECHES IN TEN OF LEADING CITIES

(By the Sun News Service.) Bridgehampton, N. Y., July 2.—Unless he changes his plans, Charles E. Hughes in all probability will inaugurate his campaign for the Presidency in the second week in August, starting on a tour which will take him to the Pacific Coast. The present purely tentative arrangements provide for addresses in about ten leading cities, probably St. Paul, Portland, Oreg., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago, among others.

Mr. Hughes intends this swing around the circle to be merely preliminary to one or more whirlwind tours. He hopes to avoid rear-platform speaking on the first long trip. His plan is to speak only in cities where it will be convenient to spend the night and to hold only one meeting in a city, always in the largest and most accessible auditorium, such as the Coliseum in Chicago and St. Louis, and Convention Hall in Kansas City.

This tour, if made according to present plans, is to be in no sense of the nature of a barnstorming expedition. The candidate intends that his addresses shall be dignified presentations of the issues of the campaign. Each of the great questions confronting the American people, such for instance as the Mexican situation and the nation's attitude toward the European belligerents, is to be treated at length, and it is probable that different questions will be considered in different cities.

#### BAUR NABS PICKPOCKET.

Local Detective, Picked as Victim, Arrests Thief.

Norfolk, Va., July 2.—When Frank Baur, detective sergeant of the Washington police department, stepped ashore from the Washington boat this morning with his wife and family he felt himself jostled by several men.

He suspected the presence of pickpockets, and turned in time to find the hand of a stranger reaching for his roll of greenbacks. Baur grabbed the man and turned him over to the local police.

## PERSHING NOW NEAR BORDER

Troops Withdrawn 300 Miles Since Carranza Issued His Defi.

### ATTACK BY MEXICANS NO LONGER IS FEARED

Information was received in Washington last night that Gen. Pershing's army is within 100 miles of the border. The information later was confirmed by a State Department official. Army officers say Gen. Pershing's new position shows he has withdrawn 300 miles from the position he held when his further advance was arrested by Gen. Carranza's orders.

These officers assert, that, as the army is under the control of the State Department, the retirement of so large a force as the American expeditionary force is due to the reasons of state and not to fear of attack.

Officers estimate the Mexican army in the rear and on the flank of Gen. Pershing at 35,000 men. The same experts assert that, although Pershing's army is composed of only 15,000 men, it is more than a match for Gen. Trevino's forces.

War Department officials admitted yesterday that there no longer was any danger of an attack on Gen. Pershing. They said his retirement over such a long line of march would be regarded necessarily by Carranza as a partial acceptance by Carranza of a partial acquiescence by President Wilson in the demand that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexico.

State Department officials said yesterday that the retirement of Gen. Pershing would facilitate diplomatic discussion.

#### AUTO CRASH KILLS TWO.

Speeding Machine Crashes Into Tree on Long Island.

Rockville Centre, L. I., July 2.—Racing along the Merrick road at a speed of sixty miles an hour, a big touring car early today crashed into a tree at the Five Corners in Lynx Brook, L. I., hurling two of the five men who occupied it to their death. A third was mortally injured, while the two others may recover.

The dead are Frank Darmstadt, of Hewlett, the owner of the machine, who drove it at the time of the accident, and Timothy Batchford.

## PICK POSIES, THEN ATTACK

French Troopers Go Into Battle of Picardy Wearing Flowers.

### ORDERS FOR ADVANCE GREETED WITH TEARS

(By C. F. BERTELLI, International News Service.)

Paris, July 2.—The first eyewitness stories of the Picardy battle reached me this evening.

"For a long time our finest corps have been impatiently awaiting the order to attack in the Somme Valley," said one of the first persons to reach here from the front. "When it was given yesterday morning the enthusiasm was indescribable. Officers and privates embraced one another in joy and the whole regiment burst into patriotic songs."

"The general of one famous corps went to the head of his troops wearing a superb carnation and as the signal for a dash forward was not expected for some hours, all of the men of the corps found flowers in the neighborhood and decorated themselves."

"Lads," said the general, "our flowers will find it too hot when we get among the Germans."

The reply was frenzied cheering. Three hours later this general led his victorious men into Domprelle. "Two regiments seized Domprelle, which bristled with block houses and machine gun shelters. When the French reached the village it was a pile of smoking ruins. The French accounted for practically every German left alive in the furious hand to hand fighting."

"More than 1,500 German bodies lay on the shell-shattered ground and 700 survivors gave themselves up."

#### EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE.

Bottom Blown Out of Yacht—Eight Missing.

Philadelphia, July 2.—Tearing the bottom out of the steam yacht Helbird, a boiler explosion today caused the death by drowning of five persons in the Delaware River near Penn's Grove, N. J. Eight other occupants of the yacht are not yet accounted for, and it is feared they also perished.

The dead are Alfred Mitchell, R. K. Fox, William Bradley, Chester Dedouit, and an unidentified fireman.

## FIFTY SQUARE MILES OF FRENCH TERRITORY CLEARED OF GERMANS

"Big Push" of Allies Nets Eleven Villages and Large Areas of Entrenchments and Redoubts Constructed by Teutons.

## BRITISH CAPTURE FRICOURT

In First Thirty-six Hours of Drive French and English Take 9,500 Prisoners—Kaiser's Men Continue to Fall Back.

(By the International News Service.)

London, July 2.—The "big push" of the allies continues with unabated energy and increasing gains. Throughout the day the Germans have been pushed steadily back until tonight the French are within six miles of Peronne, vital point on the main feeding railway of the Germans and center of a system of radiating high roads. They have captured the villages of Curly and Frise and have broken into the German second line of defense at a number of points.

The British, operating on a fifteen-mile front to the north, have captured the village of Fricourt and pushed further eastward toward the Bapaume-Peronne highroad, which now is less than seven miles away.

#### 9,500 PRISONERS TAKEN.

In the first thirty-six hours of their Picardy drive, the French and British have captured more than 9,500 German prisoners, cleared fifty square miles of French territory of the invaders and have carried eleven villages and a complicated series of intrenchments and redoubts which the Germans have been more than twenty months in constructing.

The situation at the end of the second day is summed up in a sentence by the British headquarters: "The general situation may be regarded as favorable," says the report received in London tonight from Gen. Haig in France.

## TEUTONS FAIL IN ASSAULTS

Heavy Losses Suffered in Attempt to Take Thiaumont Field Work.

### HEAVY ARTILLERY DUEL DEVELOPS NEAR VERDUN

(By the Sun News Service.)

Paris, July 2.—A heavy attack was directed by the Germans last night against the sector of the Thiaumont fieldwork, which is again in French hands. The attacking force suffered losses and was dispersed. This assault was preceded by several attacks with small numbers, which were easily repulsed.

To the east of the Thiaumont sector, violent artillery activity on both sides is reported west and south of Vaux. No infantry action has yet developed in this region.

Considerable infantry fighting developed last night on the west bank of the Meuse in the Verdun region. The Germans attacked northeast of the Bois d'Avocourt, and gained a footing in advanced trench elements, but were thrown back by a French counter-attack.

Further to the east, on the slopes of Le Mort Homme, a French detachment executed a surprise attack, killing fifty men in the German trenches, taking twenty prisoners and capturing two machine guns.

No infantry actions developed in the Verdun region today, but the artillery fire was heavy in the region of Hill 304 on the west bank, and about Fleury and Dambloup on the east bank.

## HANDSOMEST "RECRUIT" TURNS OUT TO BE GIRL

(By the Sun News Service.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 2.—Attired in a masculine suit of the latest model, with a soft felt hat drawn firmly down over closely cropped, light brown curls, a pretty maid of 20 applied to Sergt. Nelson Huron, of the marine recruiting station, yesterday for enlistment.

Sergt. Huron, completely deceived by her disguise, assured the applicant that it could be arranged, and the "recruit" went through the eye, ear, teeth and color tests without trouble, and was told to step into the next room and disrobe for physical examination.

The smile fell from her face as she only to return in a flood of crimson. Then a light broke on the sergeant and he rose to his feet with an embarrassed smile as the handsomest recruit he had ever seen turned and fled hatless from the room and down the street.

#### WELL BLOWS OUT DERRICK.

1,400 Feet of Pipe Burst by Oil Pressure.

Connellsville, Pa., July 2.—While R. L. Byers, a farmer of Flatwoods, near here, debated with officials of a gas company as to whether the well on his farm was a sufficiently large producer to warrant continuing to be connected with the company's lines, the well spoke for itself. A rush of pressure blew 1,400 feet of four-inch pipe through the derrick.

Byers and the gas men had a narrow escape from injury.

Not So Many Rushes.

The day was one of consolidation rather than of the surging rushes which yesterday carried the allies more than two miles into German lines at some points. The greatest progress during the day was recorded south of the Somme, between that river and Aasevillers by the French and east of Albert by the British center.

On the northern end of the British front around and below Gommecourt the Germans are offering strongest resistance. Berlin's first official word on the fighting received here today announces heavy losses for the British from Gommecourt to La Boisselle and "no advantages worthy of mention."

In front of Albert, however, despite strong German resistance, the British today completed their capture of Fricourt which had been practically surrounded in the first rush of the offensive, by the capture of La Boisselle and Mametz. The town was strongly defended, being in reality a small field fortress, defended by an elaborate system of redoubts and entrenchments. Pressing through the village the British made an advance toward the east. The extent of this advance is not made clear by dispatches so far at hand.

French Make Gains.

Of the two armies, the French today made the greatest advance. On their entire front of ten miles they met furious opposition at the hands of Germans who, at many points, already are launching strong counter-attacks and attempting to win back villages. The midnight statement from Paris makes announcement of the most important gain of the day. This is the capture of the village of Frise and an advance through the hamlet to the eastward. Frise is the point from which a strong blow at Peronne, where great German supply depots are located, can be struck.

Over the twenty-five-mile battle line the air fleets of the opposing armies are unusually active. The French have carried out a series of raids on important points held by the Germans behind the front.

## Italians Smash Austrian Lines

Mountain Defenses Fail to Stay Sweep of Victorious Forces.

(By the International News Service.)

London, July 2.—On the entire Trentino front the Italian offensive against the Austrians is continuing with great progress is reported in an official statement received tonight from Rome. The Italians also are displaying activity in the Isonzo region and have won an action of some proportions in the vicinity of Monfalcone.

The Italian heavy guns have now been brought well up and are shelling the Austrian defenses between Zugana Torta and Follpiano. North of Pedersca the assaulting troops have won a series of trenches while in the Passubio zone they have completed their conquest of Monte Majo and have swept up the southern slopes of Monte Seluggio.

#### Col. Biddle at West Point.

West Point, N. Y., July 2.—Col. John Biddle, recently appointed by President Wilson as superintendent of the Military Academy, arrived here and assumed command of his new post.